

HOUSE RESOLUTION 173

By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rad C. Spivey, on his selection as Warren County Retired Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rad C. Spivey is one such estimable educator, who distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spivey has recently been selected as Warren County's Retired Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Macon County Schools, he received his Bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and a Master's degree from Tennessee Technological University; he has earned numerous additional hours in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spivey served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher and administrator for many exemplary years; while working in the Macon County School System, he served as a teacher, and later principal, at Red Boiling Springs High School; and

WHEREAS, he also served as the basketball and football coach at Red Boiling Springs, and he enjoyed a tenure as the Attendance Teacher of Macon County Schools; and

WHEREAS, while serving the Macon County School System, Mr. Spivey was instrumental in implementing a preschool reading program, a program to improve high school drop-out rates, an adult education program, and a work program for juniors and seniors in high school who needed financial support to stay in school; and

WHEREAS, he later accepted a job as Supervisor of Education with the Warren County School System, a position he retained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spivey was an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, he truly served as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, not content to leave his most important work solely in the classroom, Mr. Spivey serves his community as a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Exchange Club, the American Legion, and the Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Wanda Spivey, and their three children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spivey is a United States Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict; the first man drafted from Macon County to serve in this conflict, he earned the gratitude of a nation for his work in the fight for freedom; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his great faith as a member of the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Rad C. Spivey truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rad C. Spivey on being chosen as Warren County Retired Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.